

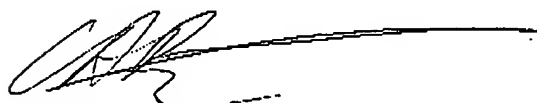
Remarks

Claims 1-3, 6, 7, 11-13, 15, 21-23, 25, 28 and 34-42 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 103. Applicant disagrees, but solely in an effort to expedite prosecution and by no means in acquiescence of the Examiner's arguments, has cancelled claims 1-3, 6, 7, 11-13, 15, 21-23, 25, 28 and 34-42, rendering this rejection moot.

The Examiner has objected to claims 8, 27 [depending upon claim 25] and 31 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. However, the Examiner has stated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and in the intervening claims. Applicant has rewritten claims 8, 27 and 31 accordingly.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject response and amendment of claims is a complete response to all outstanding issues. Should the Examiner believe however that additional amendments to the claims may be required to secure allowance of this application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at the above-noted number to facilitate further prosecution of the application.

Yours very truly,



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